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PATENT  
Docket: 16356.643 (DC-02990)  
Customer No. 000027683

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
Smith, T. Gavin, et. al.

Serial No.  
09/916,782

Filed: July 27, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
TESTING HARDWARE AND  
SOFTWARE CONFIGURATIONS IN  
A COMPUTER SYSTEM

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Examiner: Maskulinski, Michael C.

Group Art Unit: 2113

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 17-24 are cancelled, claims 9 and 25 are amended and claims 9-16 and 25-35 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.